HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 401

By Armstrong

A RESOLUTION to commend Ellen LoCurto-Martinez for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this General Assembly is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Ellen LoCurto-Martinez is one such individual, who distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Representative Joe Armstrong and Representative Eddie Smith; Ellen's work resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a student at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, where she is highly regarded by her peers, Ms. LoCurto-Martinez has achieved academic success while pursuing her doctorate degree in Political Science and participating in numerous extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, in prior years, she was a Certified Association Executive, serving as executive director of nonprofit organizations. In addition, she chaired the first Citizens Police Review Board in Columbia, Missouri, and is currently a Certified Practitioner of Oversight; and

WHEREAS, Ellen LoCurto-Martinez lives in Knoxville with her husband, Michael Martinez, Ph.D., a professor at the University of Tennessee, and their four dogs; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee State government and to further her studies, Ellen LoCurto-Martinez brought her many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2015 session of the One Hundred Ninth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2015 legislative session, Ms. LoCurto-Martinez surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Ellen LoCurto-Martinez performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Ellen LoCurto-Martinez for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Representative Joe Armstrong and Representative Eddie Smith, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.